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In re Application of
Christophe Bonny
Application No. 10/500,804
Filed: January 7, 2005
Attorney Docket No. 067802-5012-01

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6), filed December 15, 2008, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 119(e) for the benefit of priority to application PCT/1B03/00332 and provisional application no. 60/347,062.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) and 1.78(a)(5)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Applicant filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) on May 16, 2008. However, in a decision mailed on December 8, 2008, it was pointed out that the amendment submitted with the petition was not acceptable as drafted, since it improperly incorporated by reference the prior-filed applications. An incorporation by reference statement

added after an application's filing date is not effective because no new matter can be added to an application after its filing date (see 35 U.S.C. § 132(a)). If an incorporation by reference statement is included in an amendment to the specification to add a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 after the filing date of the application, the amendment would not be proper. When a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is submitted after the filing of an application, the reference to the prior application cannot include an incorporation by reference statement of the prior application (See Dart Industries v. Banner, 636 F.2d 684, 207 USPQ 272 (C.A.D.C. 1980). Note MPEP §§ 201.06(c) and 608.04(b).

On renewed petition, applicant has submitted an amendment, removing the incorporation by reference statement.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed applications, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at 571-272-3207. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 1649 for examination.



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Enc: Corrected Filing Receipt



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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/IB03/00332 01/09/2003
which claims benefit of 60/347,062 01/09/2002

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 12/29/2008

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 10/500,804**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

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Title

Cell-permeable peptide inhibitors of the jnk signal transduction pathway

Preliminary Class

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